



**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
3/11/2016**

Committee Members Present: Valerie Mitchell Linda White
Joan Blackwell Marie Cochran

Committee Members Absent: Mohamed Rashid (advanced notice given)
Connie Muller (advanced notice given)
Rose Martin (advanced notice given)
Alma Avina

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from the February 12, 2016 meeting could not be accepted due to lack of quorum.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- Overtime pay for the providers has been in effect for one month. If you are eligible for overtime, when reviewing your pay advice, the way the State reports overtime can be a bit confusing. Example - overtime begins after 40 hours in a work week; so a provider with 66 hours is first paid straight time at \$10.20 per hour, the current wage in Stanislaus County, for the 66 hours. Then the 26 hours, which would be eligible for overtime pay, is paid at \$5.10 per hour. This is all paid on one check; just as before.
- We are receiving reports on providers who would have received violations if the rules were in place. It does not list the specific violations which were incurred; we would have to research to determine the reasons. We are working on a process; a letter to send to the providers and some other related information. We are halfway through collecting the required forms from providers. The SOC 846 (Provider Enrollment Agreement) is required to be signed by the providers and submitted by April 15th or they won't receive a timesheet for May 1st. This form is acknowledging the overtime process. Every provider must complete the form and

return it whether they have overtime or not. It is a multi-page form which was sent directly from the State. The other form we are currently processing is for Travel Time; this applies to providers with multiple recipients, who travel from one client to another, in the same day. Providers may claim up to 7 hours of travel time per work week. Until we complete our processing, the travel time cannot be paid, however, it will be retroactive.

BUDGET UPDATE

- The State finalized and passed the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax which is good news. This will provide stability for funding of the program, keep the restoration of the recipients' hours in place, and allow the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the Counties to remain.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- AB 1584 (Brown) – This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment for SSI/SSP beginning on July 1, 2017. This bill would successively increase aid grants for specified applicants and recipients by the amount of \$21 on January 1st; of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- AB 1797 (Lackey) – This bill would authorize a person to apply for In-Home Supportive Services in person or through electronic means.
- AB 1930 (Lackey) – This bill would establish the In-Home Supportive Services Family Caregiver Benefits Advisory Committee for the purpose of studying the impact of the denial of State Unemployment Insurance benefits and Federal Medicare and Social Security benefits on individuals who provide supportive services to a spouse or child.
- AB 2721 (Rodriguez) – Elder and Dependent Adult Fraud: Informational Notice: would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop and distribute an informational notice that warns the public about elder and dependent adult fraud and provides information regarding how and where to file complaints.

FURTHER ACTION PLANNING FOR 2015-2016

- In the upcoming weeks, Jeff will be meeting with Senior Coalition and Fall Prevention individuals regarding the Healthy Aging Summit at the Centre Plaza in October.
- Thursday, March 24, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm @ the Mod Spot on J Street in Modesto. Planning mixer for volunteers to join the planning committee for 2016 Modesto Walk to End Alzheimer's.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- None.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2016 and March 11, 2016 meetings
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Further Action Planning for FY 2015-2016
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Stephy Tracey, Recorder